

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first paragraph on page 1 with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/198,427, filed November 24, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,723,868, which is hereby incorporated by reference and claims the benefit of (1) Swiss Patent Application No. 2739/97, filed November 27, 1997, (2) Swiss Patent Application No. 2781/97, filed December 3, 1997, (3) Swiss Patent Application No. 0133/98, filed January 21, 1998, (4) Swiss Patent Application No. 0723/98, filed March 27, 1998, and (5) European Patent Application No. 98118895.6, filed October 7, 1998.